

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed with a request for continued examination (RCE) filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. This Amendment constitutes the required submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed June 9, 2005, the period of response for which runs through September 9, 2005.

Applicants have canceled claims 1-4, 6-13, 16, 19-22, 24-31, 33 and 34. Claims 17, 18, 35-37, 39 and 40 are pending.

Supplemental IDS

Applicants have submitted a Supplemental IDS with this Amendment and RCE filing. Applicants request consideration by the Examiner of the references cited in the Supplemental IDS.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 17, 18, 35-37, 39 and 40 are allowable in their present form. In this amendment, Applicants have canceled all other claims. Consequently, this application should be in condition for immediate allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the references cited in the Supplemental IDS, mentioned above, and prompt allowance of all pending claims. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 50-1778. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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